

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 02-10, LIS APPLICATION FOR MEDICAID

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Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 02-10

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: 01/01/2010

I. BACKGROUND

The Medicare Improvements Patient and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) mandated that, effective January 1, 2010, an application for the Medicare Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) program is considered an application for the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), known in North Carolina as the MQB programs. Since in North Carolina, an application for MQB is considered an application for Medicaid, the county must evaluate the individual for all possible Medicaid programs.

Beginning January 1, 2010, the Social Security Administration (SSA) will transmit daily electronic data for each LIS application when SSA determines, on an initial application, that a person is eligible or not eligible for LIS. DMA will match the data with current Medicaid recipient data and create an electronic North Carolina Medicaid application for individuals who are not Medicaid/MQB recipients or pending applicants. The counties are notified of the electronic application on the regular Adjusted Application Management Report.

EIS creates a Date Screen for each LIS Medicaid application. EIS uses the Date Screen to disregard the processing time between the LIS application date and the date EIS creates the application on the night of receipt from SSA. In the near future, EIS will modify the Date Screen to allow a caseworker to utilize a second exclusion reason, begin date, and end date, in addition to the LIS exclusion reason.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. New manual section MA-2309, LIS Application for Medicaid, implements the procedures mandated by MIPPA. SSA transmits processed LIS application data daily to the State. EIS uses this data to create electronic Medicaid applications and lists them on the counties' Adjusted Application Management Report. The applications are treated similar to mail in applications. Follow regular application processing procedures in MA-2303, Verification Requirements for Applications and MA-2304, Processing the Application.

- B. See EIS Administrative Letter 07-09, Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Application for Medicaid, for EIS instructions.**
- C. A new form, DMA-1049, Cover Letter for LIS Application (MA-2309 Figure 1), is created to obtain additional information from the applicant.**
- D. An insert from [Food and Nutrition Services \(FNS\)](#) to be sent with the DMA-1049 is linked to this Change Notice. FNS will provide printed copies in the future.**

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

The policy is effective 01/01/2010. Apply the policy to applications received from SSA on or after 01/01/2010.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Insert new manual section, [MA-2309, LIS Application for Medicaid](#), and [MA-2309 Figure 1, Cover Letter for LIS Application \(DMA-1049\)](#).

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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